Good morning, my name is ______________________

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a time we prepare for and anticipate the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. Today we light the first Advent candle, the candle of Hope.

[candle is lit]

The whole world waits and hopes for a savior. **We** have accepted Christ’s salvation, joining the Body of Christ, so that means we are the hope for the world!
The Church has been a source of my hope.. (when/because... **share a story of a time our church gave you hope)**

(End by saying..)
May God use us all to answer the prayers of a hoping and waiting world.

Let us pray together..
God of Hope, open our hearts to receive again the One who is your Word in the flesh. Fill us with the Light of Christ so we may know your Truth and live out your will for all creation.
Following Jesus we live and pray. AMEN
Advent 2  Bringing the Light of Peace  by Rev. Corey Turnpenny

Good morning, my name is ______________________

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. As we prepare for and anticipate the birth of Jesus on Christmas day, we have already lit the candle of Hope. Today we light the second Advent candle, the candle of Peace.

[candle is lit]

All of creation longs to live in peace and harmony, as God intended. We have accepted God’s gift of salvation and with it receive great peace in our faith. As members of the Body of Christ, we are to be champions of God’s justice and peace for all creation.

The Church has been a source of peace for me. (when/because... share a story of a time our church helped you find peace)

(End by saying..)

May God use us all to bring true peace and justice to a hurting world.

Let us pray together..

God of Peace, open our hearts to receive again the One who is your Word in the flesh. Fill us with the Light of Christ so we may know your Truth and live out your will for all creation.

Following Jesus we live and pray. AMEN
Good morning, my name is ______________________

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. As we prepare for and anticipate the birth of Jesus on Christmas day, we have already lit the candles of Hope and Peace. Today we light the third Advent candle, the candle of Joy.

[candle is lit]

All of nature can share in the joy of salvation! Experiencing God’s creation can add to our joy and show us how to praise our Maker. As the Body of Christ, we are responsible for protecting and caring for our world so all people can experience the joy of God’s gift.

The Church has helped me experience the joy of God.. (when/because... share a story of a time our church helped brought you joy)

(End by saying..)
May God use us all to protect and share the joy of Creation.

Let us pray together..
God of Joy, open our hearts to receive again the One who is your Word in the flesh. Fill us with the Light of Christ so we may know your Truth and live out your will for all creation. Following Jesus we live and pray. AMEN
Good morning, my name is ______________________

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. As we prepare for and anticipate the birth of Jesus on Christmas day, we have already lit the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy. Today we light the fourth Advent candle, the candle of Love.

[candle is lit]

God made the world and everything in it and called it good! Just as children carry the likeness of their parents, all of creation carries the mark of our Creator who is Love. As the Body of Christ on earth, we are called to point out and bring out the Love of God that exists in every atom of creation.

The Church has helped me feel the love of God.. (when/because... share a story of a time our church helped you feel love)

(End by saying..)
May God use us all to share the Love of Christ who is born tonight!

Let us pray together..
God of Love, open our hearts to receive again the One who is your Word in the flesh. Fill us with the Light of Christ so we may know your Truth and live out your will for all creation. Following Jesus we live and pray. AMEN